

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 251

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A RESOLUTION to encourage the State of Tennessee, all of its subdivisions, and private industry to pursue the use of renewable energy sources.

WHEREAS, stable, affordable energy is vital to the economy and security of the people of the State of Tennessee and of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the use of clean, renewable energy sources has many benefits, including minimal environmental impact and dramatic air quality improvement, and constitutes a preferred alternative to third-world energy development; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy is defined as energy derived from wind, the sun, geothermal sources, hydrogen derived from biomass or water, biomass or bio-based products, and recycled materials comprised primarily of cellulose; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Tennessee to have access to the most effective, efficient and environmentally sound methods of renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that renewable forms and sources of energy can supplement the production of energy from existing natural resources; and

WHEREAS, technology is available to produce renewable energy from these renewable resources; and

WHEREAS, recycling technology capable of producing recycled materials comprised primarily of cellulose is known and viable; and

WHEREAS, the use of biomass and the use of recycling technology to produce renewable energy represent significant methods of preserving the environment and providing a sustainable energy supply for the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, energy from renewable sources using biomass and/or recycling is important for managed farming, community development and the prevention of landfill sprawl throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, bio-based products that rely on plant or animal materials as a main ingredient, such as Biodiesel, are important to agriculture in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the use of recycling to provide recycled materials composed primarily of cellulose for producing renewable energy is important to the state's environment; and

WHEREAS, the use of renewable energy from biomass or recycling will reduce the state's dependency on imported energy sources and on energy sources that harm the environment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the use of bio-based products, including Biodiesel, and energy produced by recycling are viable renewable energy sources in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that renewable energy sources should be pursued by the State of Tennessee, all its political subdivisions, and by private industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Phil Bredesen, and the Commissioners of the Departments of Agriculture, Economic and Community Development, and Environment and Conservation.